

# A Proclamation

Whereas I have certain Information that many Seditious & Scandalous Papers have lately been Dispersed in Prince Georges County, Injuriously Reflecting on the Legislature of this Province, and tending to a riotous Disturbance of the peace of his Majesties Subjects therein, by Inviting persons to meet at Queen Anns Town, on Munday next the Twenty Eighth Instant, in an Armed and hostile manner, then and there to Consult Trebellious and Illegal ways to Awe and force the present Generall Assembly to Comply with certain pretended Demands; all which is Contrary to the Safety and freedom of Legislation, the Honour of the Government, and welfare of the good people of this Province, I have therefore thought fit (with the Advice of his Lordships Council of State) to Issue this my Proclamation, hereby requiring all Officers both Civil and Military within this Province, to have a faithfull and watchfull Eye, over the peace thereof; and to use all Lawfull ways & means to Discover & Suppress all Such riotous & unlawfull Meetings & Assemblies, and to make Early and Diligent Enquiry into the Authors and Dispersors of such Seditious & Scandalous papers, that they and all persons therein concerned may be brought to Condign Punishment, for such their Disturbance of the good Rule, Peace and Government, of this Province; And for the better Discovery of the Authors and Dispersors of the said papers, I do hereby (by the Advice aforesaid) Offer and Promise, the Sum of Fifty Pounds Current Money to any person or persons that shall make Discovery before some Magistrate of any Author or Authors, Disperser or Dispersors, of the Papers as aforesaid, so that the said Offender or Offenders, shall be Convicted thereof by Due Course of Law; And I do hereby Strictly Charge and Command the severall Sheriffs of this Province, to make this my Proclamation <sup>Publicly</sup> in their respective Counties (in the usual manner) that all persons may yield Due Obedience hereto, as they will Answer the Contrary at their Perils  
 Given at the City of Annapolis this 26<sup>th</sup> Day of October, In the fourteenth Year of his Lordships the Lord Proprietarys Dominion Anno Dni 1728

Which Iued to Ann Arundell & Prince Georges County  
 Accordingly

At a Council held at the House of his Excellency  
 on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October Anno Dni 1728  
 was Present

His Excellency Benedict Leonard Calvert Governour